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SUBJECT: BENELUX-JAPANESE DISCUSSIONS ON ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

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1. MONECON BILATERAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VERHAGEN, WHO HAS BEEN CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPANESE ON ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, GAVE US FOLLOWING INFO ON PRESENT STATUS WHICH VARIES SOMEWHAT FROM VERSION IN REFTEL.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL AUTUMN BUT MAIN STICKING POINT WAS NOT SO MUCH LEVEL OF RESTRAINT AS CONCEPT OF BENELUX IMPORT CONTROLS TO POLICE JAPANESE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. JAPANESE DEFINITELY PREFER TO HAVE SYSTEM OPERATE ON VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT BASIS WITHOUT BENELUX INTER-
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VENTION.

3. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION DURING NEGOTIATIONS OF POSSIBLE
TIE-IN WITH GATT TALKS. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THAT THIS
PROBLEM IS IMMEDIATE ONE WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED WITHOUT DELAY.

4. PENDING RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN FALL, BENELUX WILL
LIMIT IMPORTS TO ACTUAL LEVEL IN BASE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30,
1972, EXCEPT THAT IMPORTS OF COLOR TV SETS WILL BE AUTHORIZED AT
AT LEVEL ROUGHLY HALFWAY BETWEEN BASE YEAR AND JAPANESE REQUEST
LEVEL. THESE CONTROLS ARE BASED ON RATHER LIBERAL INTERPRETATION
OF NATIONAL LAWS OF BENELUX COUNTRIES. VERHAGEN SAID HE HAD
NOT THREATENED INVOCATION OF SAFEGUARD CLAUSE IN BENELUX/
JAPAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND WILL RESORT TO THAT DEVICE ONLY IF
RESUMED TALKS FAIL.
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